

REMARKS

The Office Action dated August 31, 2007 has been read and carefully considered and the present amendment submitted to obtain an issuance of a patent having the sole claim indicated as allowable.

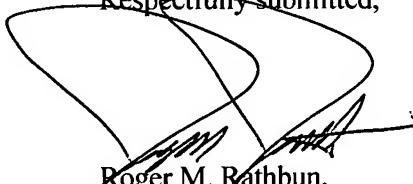
In that Office Action, claims 1, 2, 4-9 and 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilker, U.S. Patent 5,162,038 in view of Harry et al, U.S. Published Application 2002/0099277. Claims 19 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilker and Harry et al as applied to those rejected claims and further in view of Koch et al, U.S. Patent 5,376,761. Finally, claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilker and Harry et al as applied to claim 1 and further in view of Petersen et al, U.S. Patent 6,616,606.

Claim 20 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim but was considered allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 19 has been amended herein to include the limitations of claim 20 and claim 20 then canceled. In addition, claim 19 has been amended to return to the language claiming a "patient care" apparatus so as to be in the form that was indicated as allowable in the prior office action.

As such, it is believed that the sole claim remaining in this application is allowable and an allowance of the present application is respectfully solicited.

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